

Application No. 10/663,045  
Amendment dated September 24, 2008  
Reply to Office Action of January 25, 2008

**Remarks:**

**Status of Claims**

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 23-26, and 28-30 were previously pending. Claims 1 and 24 are amended herein and claims 6 and 28 are canceled. Thus, claims 1-3, 5, 7, 23-26, and 29-30 remain pending with claims 1 and 24 being independent.

**Entry of After-Final Amendment**

Entry of this Amendment after final rejection is proper as the amendments to claims 1 and 24 merely incorporate the features previously recited in now-canceled dependent claims 6 and 28. Thus, entry of this Amendment does not require an additional search by the Examiner as claims 6 and 28 have been previously searched and examined. Further, entry of the Amendment places all claims in a condition for allowance or places the claims in a better form for appeal.

**Note Regarding Co-Pending Application**

Applicant respectfully notes for the Examiner's convenience that co-pending application no. 10/663,044 (also under examination by the Examiner) includes pending claims related to a carrying case that may include a speaker to generate sound corresponding to signals provided by a navigation device. Application no. 10/663,044 is currently under final rejection.

**Office Action**

In the January 25, 2008, Office Action, the Examiner rejected all pending claims as being obvious over various combinations of Schoenfish (U.S. 6,370,037), Sturt (U.S. 2003/0184111), Meyers (U.S. 6,102,284), and a MEADE telescope catalog (NPL).

***A Docking Station Including a Speaker***

Independent claims 1 and 24 have been amended herein to include the features previously recited in claims 6 and 28. In particular, independent claims 1 and 24 now recite that the "the

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docking station is operable to electrically couple with the navigation device and includes a speaker for providing audible navigation instructions generated by the navigation device.”

Thus, the speaker recited in the independent claims comprises a portion of the docking station and not the navigation device. Such functionality may be desirable, for example, where the navigation device lacks a powerful speaker that can generate audible sound in a noisy automobile environment.

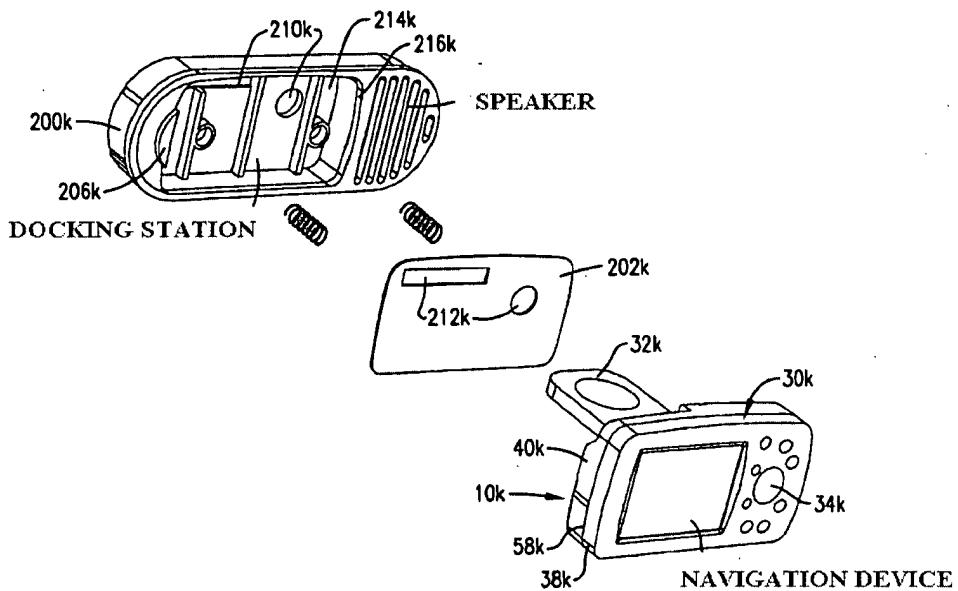


FIG. 22 (annotated)

No combination of the Examiner's cited references teaches a docking station that can receive a navigation device and which includes a speaker to provide audible navigation instructions generated by the navigation device. The Examiner contends that Sturt discloses a docking station that may include a speaker (Office Action, pg. 6). Although the Examiner is correct that Sturt's overhead console can include a conventional audio/visual system, Sturt does not disclose or suggest a *docking station* with a speaker that can dock with a navigation device to play audio generated by the navigation device, as is recited in the independent claims. Thus, Sturt provides no evidentiary

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support that would teach one skilled in the art to include a speaker on Shoenfish's docking station 16.

As such, all claims should now be in a condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Any additional fee which is due in connection with this Amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 501-791. Applicant encourages the Examiner to contact the undersigned should he have any questions.

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